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Another ATV tragedy

One youth killed, two others injured in weekend quad crashes

By VICTORIA HANDYSIDES
Metro Edmonton

The month of May has been devastating for a number of families across the province, as their children are dead or severely injured after careless rides on off-road vehicles.

The latest tragedy comes after a 17-year-old boy died after being thrown from a two-seat all-terrain vehicle near Stony Plain on Monday

night.

"It was described as a freak collision. The passenger was alive for a time being treated by emergency medical services, but did succumb to injuries sustained as a result of the collision," said Cpl. Wayne Oakes of RCMP K Division.

The weekend ended in tragedy for two Fort McMurray girls, after a ride on a quad at 4 a.m. sent both to hospital in Edmonton via air ambulance with massive head trauma.

Fort McMurray RCMP believe alcohol was a factor in the accident, and say neither the 17-year-old nor 14-year-old girl wore a helmet.

no legislation

» Currently there is no legislation in place in regard to children riding ATVs. Helmets are not made mandatory, nor is licensing.

Also, over the long weekend, two teens thrown from a quad after late-night joyriding near Gainford, were sent to hospital with serious injuries.

Last week near Taber, a toddler died after a quad that was jam-packed with four children and one adult flew out of control down a steep hill, where it slammed into a boulder, sending the children flying.

"Most of us choose to keep our children safe, so why would somebody endanger their child having five people on a quad when they're designed for one person?" asked George Billings, chief instructor of ATV safety for the Alberta Safety Council.

Billings said children under 16 haven't the co-ordination or skill to run ATVs over 90 cc. ATVs designed for adults range from 125 to 800 cc.

"An adult that allowed that to happen was not thinking straight," he said. "Life is cruel in that when we expose our children to that type of danger."

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Girl, 17 charged in violent robberies

Police have charged a 17-year-old girl — arrested Friday after a violent west-end robbery — with a brutal attack earlier last week.

On Friday around 5 a.m., a 15-year-old was thrown to the ground and kicked multiple times while on the ground at Jasper Place transit centre. Her purse was stolen from her during the attack.

The 17-year-old charged in the attack is also charged in connection with a vicious robbery Tuesday morning on a 14-year-old near 98 Avenue and 178 Street.

The 17-year-old is charged with aggravated assault, assault, robbery and eight counts breach of recognizance.

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All eyes on Angie

Actress Angelina Jolie attends the Changeling photocall at Palais des Festivals during the 61st International Cannes Film Festival yesterday in Cannes, France. The Changeling, which stars Jolie and was directed by Clint Eastwood, premiered at the festival last night.

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3-year cleanup

Graffiti removal van part of city initiative

By VICTORIA HANDYSIDES
Metro Edmonton

Edmonton is gearing up for a three-year cleanup, as city officials polish details to the plan to make Edmonton squeaky clean.

Capital City Cleanup initiatives continue to grow, with new ideas on the table, set to begin later this year.

Graffiti is at the top of the

new officers

» Five new bylaw officers hit the streets to tackle trash at the beginning of the month. The next line of ticket-makers is currently being recruited, promising to come equipped with an aggressive attitude toward litterbugs.

list for dirty jobs to tackle, and a plan to purchase a graffiti removal van. A public education campaign will be launched, and a team of vol-

unteers will be assembled to clean up tags around the city.

A proposed solution put before the Transportation and Public Works committee is to create more space for street art murals to encourage taggers to spray elsewhere.

The initiative will also look into fixing the problem of wayward litter, left to blow all over the roads after being left behind in garbage trucks.

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Campaign targets traffic circles

Police to hand out pamphlets

By VICTORIA HANDYSIDES
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Edmonton motorists may be in need of re-education on negotiating traffic circles, officials say.

The traffic circle on 107 Avenue and 142 Street saw 91 crashes in 2006, making it a hot spot for crashes in Ed-

clearer signs

» Gerry Shimko, head of the city's office of traffic safety, said an active campaign will be launched, including new, clearer pictogram signs to warn drivers of what's ahead.

monton, second only to the intersection of 23 Avenue and Calgary Trail.

"There are lots of people coming to Edmonton from across the world, everyone

drives differently. To really get a handle on the traffic circles, education is valid," said Gerry Shimko, head of the city's office of traffic safety.

As such, city police will be handing out pamphlets at the end of the month, teaching drivers to properly execute roundabouts.

Shimko didn't know whether officials will be stopping every car at the west-end traffic circle.

Good times Life's a breeze



Seven-year-old Amie keeps her eye on her kite while on an outing with Garneau After School Care at Ron Forwick Field near the Kinsmen Leisure Centre on a sunny afternoon yesterday.

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Roads a priority

Alberta's extra cash from soaring energy prices will be primarily spent on bridges, ring roads and highway upgrades, says premier Ed Stelmach.

"If prices continue, there will be additional revenue, but of course there are always pressures on maintaining the infrastructure," said Stelmach during a media scrum yesterday.

"There is a significant amount of infrastructure that has to be refurbished and rebuilt."

Stelmach says fast-tracking infrastructure projects, like upgrading Alberta's busiest highways and completing Edmonton's Anthony Henday Drive, are a priority.

JEFF CUMMINGS/METRO EDMONTON

» news In Brief

» **DEATH** A 31-year-old man from Spruce Grove is dead after he was thrown into a ditch from his motorcycle about one kilometre south of the Yellowhead on Highway 44

yesterday morning. Mounties say the man was headed north when his bike missed the curve and struck a guardrail around 5:15 a.m. The identity of the man is being withheld

until next of kin have been notified, say RCMP. Police are also asking witnesses to call the Stony Plain detachment at 780-968-7200.

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Environment, health linked

Global issues will affect health-care system, expert says

By **ANDREW COWIE**
for Metro Edmonton

Global environment issues are creating greater challenges for local health care officials, says a visiting

health-care expert.

Dr. Blake Poland from the University of Toronto was in Edmonton yesterday as part of Capital Health's Public Health Works Speaker Series discussing how global issues like pollution and world famine affect our health-care system.

As the environment deteriorates because of pollution

and overuse, more health issues will spring up, Poland said, creating a direct connection between environmental and social policies.

He used the "plastic island" as an example, detailing how a collection of plastic has gathered off the Pacific Coast from worldwide water currents.

He said that birds have

begun to eat the plastics, not only having an adverse effect on the birds, but on the food chain as a whole.

"I think social [issues] and environment [issues] are closely linked," he said. "We will have a massive domino effect that will affect us here."

Poland said that while health care will need to be a

source of support for the people as the worldwide condition worsens, people can do their own part by dealing with global issues straight on.

The next speaker as part of the health series will be Dr. Don Spady, who'll be at the University of Alberta on June 17 to speak on peak oil and its influence on health.

Local teens in B.C. tragedy

By **JEFF CUMMINGS**
Metro Edmonton

An Edmonton teenage boy has been charged with second-degree murder in the death of a 17-year-old Edmonton girl who was killed in northeastern British Columbia Sunday.

The 17-year-old suspect made his first court appearance at a provincial courtroom in Fort St. John, B.C., yesterday, but details of the crime, including a cause of death, have not been released.

The pair had not been living in Fort St. John, said RCMP Const. Jackelynn Passarell. When asked if the suspect and the victim were related, Passarell said "they knew each other."

Passarell says Mounties who arrived on scene at a downtown apartment performed first aid on the victim until emergency officials arrived. The teen was pronounced dead in hospital.

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Feds need to deal with First Nations health issues: Layton

NDP leader blasts Harper government

By **ANDREW COWIE**
for Metro Edmonton

The federal government needs to start to take more responsibility for slowing down the pace of the development and to deal with First Nation health issues, said NDP Leader Jack Layton.

Layton, on tour in Edmon-

ton yesterday, said that environment issues are the duty of the Harper government and one that he thinks is not being held as a high priority.

Citing a situation in Fort Chipewyan, Layton said First Nations people are allegedly experiencing higher amounts of cancer, and seeing massive numbers of dead fish from tainted water.

"The federal government has not lived up to their responsibility when it comes to

the health and well being of First Nations [people]," he said.

Layton, an Ontario MP, said there he didn't see any problem in telling the Albertans to slow down their economy to help the situation, citing a wide range of support for a slower development within the province.

"In Alberta ... you'll find lots of people concerned with the environment," said Layton. "[There are] some very diverse voices."



Federal NDP Leader Jack Layton (left) speaks to a gathering of community, First Nations and environmental group leaders at MacKay Avenue School yesterday.

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By
Frances M. Kelsey

Why settle for mediocre pay and long hours when it is possible to make over \$100,000 a year from the comfort of your home?

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Duane Barney, online auction expert is one of many people who have left the mundane aspect of a 9-to-5 desk job and has begun to make his own income at home with the help of his children.

Now Barney is making around \$10,000 a month by selling a variety of items that can be found in his home.

"People shouldn't wait until they find themselves out of a job before they find out they are not financially secure," Barney said. "They should start ensuring their own and their family's financial future immediately."

Not only does eBay allow people to make money and get rid of some things that may no longer be of use, there are more benefits than cash. If a seller can make \$1,000 a month or more, they can qualify for most of the same benefits that would be made available in

a regular 9-to-5 job, such as health, vision, pharmacy, and dental. Over 200,000 members of eBay qualify for these benefits and more.

Not only does using eBay at home cut back on paying for gas and having to deal with the hassle of rush hour traffic, but also consumer demand through the Internet are continually growing, allowing for a higher income rate per seller.

Consolidated revenues for eBay in the year 2007 are expected to reach anywhere from \$7.05 to \$7.3 billion, a 31% improvement from the year 2006.

According to a speech given

by former Senior Vice President of Products Development, Lynn Reddy, on average one car is sold every two minutes, a car part or accessory sold every three seconds, diamond jewelry every eighty-three seconds, and a pair of Timberland shoes every ten minutes. These items and more, from concert tickets to stamps and coins, are sold daily by average people looking to gain an income or better their current cash flow.

"Anybody can do it if they know the right technique," Barney said. "With the right techniques it's easy to make extra income."

Barney said he does not

recommend attempting to become a full-time online auctioneer with eBay without learning the basics first.

"It's like driving a car," Barney said. "It's easy to do but if no one shows you how to drive, you could end up in an accident that costs you time and money to fix."

This should not be taken as discouragement to start working with online auctions.

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State police commander Enrique Wuilar in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, said an American man who says he witnessed the shooting death of Canadian Bouabal Bounthavorn is being held. Wuilar said police are searching for a tall, dark-skinned thin man.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Bill C-51 has critics nervous

Legislation would modernize Food and Drugs Act



Fines could soar

Maximum fines for contravening the act could increase from \$5,000 to as much as \$5 million.

Bill C-51, legislation — making its way through Parliament — will modernize the Food and Drugs Act for the first time in over 50 years.

"There is a lot of uncertainty around the bill and how it will impact access to natural health products. No one seems to be quite sure," Daniel Chiang, a nutritionist and Toronto clinic owner said.

The confusion has generated controversy. Earlier this month, hundreds of people turned up at rallies across the country to protest the bill.

The Food and Drugs Act regulates the production, transport and sale of food, drug, contraceptive devices and cosmetics, with a focus on ensuring products are safe, ingredients are disclosed and there are no false or exaggerated health claims on the product label.

Among proposed changes in Bill C-51 are greater penalties for rule-breakers, power to the health minister to recall drug products, and improved safety of all products.

But critics — who have been carefully monitoring the

progress of the bill, which is awaiting second reading — fear changes to the act will restrict access to natural health products, delay their approval, and give the health minister unprecedented powers of enforcement.

Critics fear the minister would be able to suspend or cancel clinical trials, disclose and demand confidential information, and impose "outrageous" fines for minor infractions — with no mention of an appeal process after such decisions.

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Vancouver Rubik's cube



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Competitive "speed cuber" Hong Chen works on a Rubik's Cube at his Burnaby, B.C. home yesterday. The first Pacific Northwestern competition will be held in Vancouver June 14. Chen took third place for blindfolded cubing at an international competition in Toronto last year. He solved it in three minutes.

»news In Brief

» **BILL** A Commons committee is urging the federal government to withdraw controversial immigration amendments in the

upcoming budget bill that give Immigration Minister Diane Finley unprecedented discretionary powers.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Canada falls in global peace index

Iceland is the world's most peaceful nation while the United States is ranked among the bottom third, according to a study released yesterday.

The "Global Peace Index," compiled by the Economist Intelligence Unit, ranked the United States 97th out of 140 countries according to how peaceful they were domestically and how they interacted with the outside world.

Canada was no longer in the top 10 most peaceful nations. Last year it ranked 8th and this year fell to 11th.

Small, stable and democratic countries were found to be the most peaceful in the index, with 16 of the top 20 coming from western or central European democracies.

The Group of Eight major economic powers were a mixed bag. Japan ranked fifth, Canada 11th, Germany 14th, Italy 28th, France 36th and Britain 49th. Russia was near the bottom at 131st, the only one in the group below the United States.

Iraq ranked lowest on the index. Afghanistan was also in the bottom five, along with Sudan, Somalia and Israel.

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Myanmar permits one organization to airlift supplies

Myanmar's junta has given the World Food Program permission to use helicopters to send aid to cyclone survivors, the United Nations said yesterday, as flags flew at half-staff across the country to mourn the dead.

The junta in the former Burma has allowed relief flights to deliver supplies to Yangon, the largest city, but had balked at aerial access to the southwestern Irrawaddy



Red Cross workers distribute relief supplies and provide assistance to cyclone-affected villagers in Bogale yesterday.

Delta, where an estimated 2.4 million people were left destitute.

"We have received govern-

ment permission to operate nine WFP helicopters," U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon said yesterday. **REUTERS**

Clinton takes Kentucky, Obama eyes nomination

Democrat Barack Obama won a presidential nominating contest in Oregon yesterday, NBC News projected, while rival Hillary Clinton cruised to a rout of the front-runner in Kentucky.

The results gave Obama a majority of pledged delegates won in the lengthy state-by-state nominating fight with Clinton. He hopes that milestone marks the beginning of the end of

their grueling Democratic race for the right to face Republican John McCain in November's election.

« You have put us within reach of the Democratic nomination. »

Presidential hopeful Barack Obama

"We have returned to Iowa with a majority of delegates elected by the American people and you have put us within reach of the Democratic nomination for president of the United States," Obama told supporters in Iowa.

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» news In Brief

- » **USA** A diagnosis of malignant glioma is grave news for Massachusetts Sen. Edward Kennedy, brain experts said yesterday. A malignant glioma kills half its victims within a year and patients rarely survive more than three years. Even surgery cannot cure such a tumor, which sends fingers of cancerous cells into nooks and crannies of the brain, doctors agreed.
- » **RUSSIA** Russian President Dmitry Medvedev ordered steps to root out corruption in the judicial system yesterday and, to underline his message, a senior judge was disciplined over real-estate deals. The 42-year-old Medvedev is a former corporate lawyer.

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Toll tops 40,000

Another 32,000 still missing after China quake

China raised the number of dead or missing from a devastating earthquake to more than 70,000 yesterday, as rescuers found more survivors eight days after the huge tremor hit.

A government statement said the number killed had now topped 40,000, and state news agency Xinhua reported that a further 32,000 were missing.

Authorities had previously said they expected the final

death toll to exceed 50,000. More than 247,000 were injured.

Anger was building among bereaved parents in Sichuan over the way many school buildings had collapsed, burying whole classrooms full of children. In one town, in a rare public protest, hundreds demanded punishment for anyone guilty of shoddy construction.

Xinhua reported a 60-year-old woman was rescued in Pengzhou, more than 196 hours after the May 12 quake struck. It said she had survived on rainwater.

landslide fears

» Nearly 9,000 people were evacuated from the base of Shiziliang Mountain near Guangyuan city over concerns about huge cracks on its slopes.

In Wenchuan county, epicentre of the quake in mountainous Sichuan province, Ma Yuanjiang, 31, was found alive. His body was "as fragile as that of a newborn baby," Chongqing Xinqiao hospital president Wang Weidong said, according to Xinhua.

REUTERS

»news In Brief

» **IRAQ** U.S. President George W. Bush has apologized to Iraqi Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki and promised prosecution of a U.S. soldier accused of using a copy of the Koran for target practice, Iraq said yesterday.

» **SURVEILLANCE** Britain is considering a massive government database to store the e-mails, Internet information, phone-calls and text messages of all residents to help security forces in the

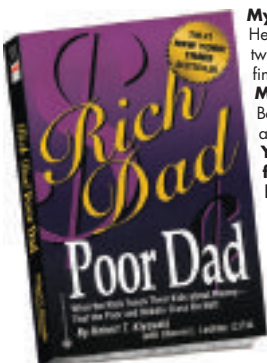
fight against crime and terrorism.

» **DRUGS** A New Zealand man had a novel idea when he found himself in a queue at a service station counter with no money: Could he pay with marijuana instead? He didn't get a chance to discover whether the attendant would accept his offer, as the person behind him in the queue was a police officer, the Dominion Post newspaper reported.

» **ISRAEL** Prime Minister Ehud Olmert lost his first court challenge yesterday against a bribery investigation that could force him from office. The Supreme Court, rejecting Olmert's petition, cleared the way for a lower court to hear preliminary testimony from a U.S. businessman who prosecutors said handed the veteran politician cash-filled envelopes before he became prime minister.

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Bombardier awarded \$1.2B VistaJet order

35 planes OK'd with option for 25 more aircraft

Bombardier Inc., the world's third-largest civil aircraft maker, said yesterday it has won an order for business aircraft worth up to \$1.2 bil-

lion US from Switzerland's VistaJet.

The order, which was announced at an air show in Geneva, is for 35 firm orders with options for an additional 25 aircraft, the Canadian aerospace company said.

If all options are exercised, the total value of the order

will be about \$1.2 billion, Bombardier said.

As well, Bombardier said it will sell its charter unit Bombardier Skyjet International to VistaJet. The company said it has signed a memorandum of understanding, but did not provide financial details of the deal. **REUTERS**

»news In Brief

» **ENERGY** Calgary-based Pearl Exploration and Production Ltd. and Petrobank Energy and Resources Ltd. discounted

speculation that they were in talks to be bought out by India's Oil and Natural Gas Corp. The Economic Times

reported ONGC Videsh is in talks to buy a Canadian firm with Alberta oilsands assets. **REUTERS**



France Fishermen protest



A fisherman throws a pallet into a fire yesterday at a road-block near a fishing port in Boulogne sur mer, northern France. Hundreds of French fishermen blocked ports and oil depots in France in protest against diesel fuel costs and fishing quotas they claim were killing their business. **PASCAL ROSSIGNOL/REUTERS**



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Talisman details overhaul plan

Talisman Energy Inc. plans to sell operations in the Netherlands, Trinidad and Denmark in a restructuring to hone its assets and wring out higher, more predictable returns, Canada's No. 3 independent oil explorer said yesterday.

As part of the strategy, in the works since John Manzoni

took over as chief executive last year, Talisman aims to sell non-core assets pumping up to 45,000 barrels of oil equivalent a day, for as much as \$2 billion by the end of 2009. That would represent up to 11 per cent of the volume that the company produced in the first quarter of this year. **REUTERS**

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sports



Five-time Canadian ice dance champions Marie-France Dubreuil and Patrice Lauzon, left, announced their retirement from competitive skating yesterday ahead of their upcoming wedding this summer. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Odds makers favour Wings

They've won 16 consecutive games on their home ice, their top gunners — Marion Hossa, Evgeni Malkin and Sidney Crosby — have been on fire and their goaltender, Marc-Andre Fleury, has never been more



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efficient. And, yet, the Pittsburgh Penguins stand no chance in the Stanley Cup championship series.

This, at least, is the view of professional odds makers, who've established the Pens as sizeable underdogs against the Detroit Red Wings for the NHL final, which begins Saturday.

The Wings are \$1.60 favourites, meaning wagerers who take them must lay that much to win a dollar. If the Pens prevail, bettors would collect \$1.40 for every dollar they

placed on them.

My hunch: The Wings take the series in seven. But the Pens, if they re-sign Hossa, win the next three Cups in a row.

» Doesn't the NHL's schedule really seem odd now, in retrospect, since the

Wings and Pens never met even once during the regular season?

I mean, seriously, how far apart are Detroit and Pittsburgh? A one-hour flight?

» From the mighty-have-fallen department comes word from NBA sources that the Raptors are seeking to dump their previously highly touted forward, Andrea Bargnani, and have had significant trade discussions about him with the New Jersey Nets, who also covet the Denver Nuggets' Carmelo Anthony and

Marcus Camby and the Phoenix Suns' Leandro Barbosa and Boris Diaw ... Brace yourself for this: Tim Donaghy, the ex-NBA referee who's been busted for shaving points and gambling on games, is about to testify that other officials, coaches and even players were aware of, and participated in, fixes ... Let's knock off all the dissing of the Los Angeles Lakers' Kobe Bryant, shall we? Kobe quietly went out the

other day and bought each of his teammates \$9,000 US Swiss watches. Nice gesture by the MVP.

» And, speaking of unfairly criticized MVPs, the New York Yankees went 6-11 while Alex Rodriguez was injured. ... The San Diego Padres are wretched and about to start dealing players, including future Hall of

Famer Greg Maddux, who'll likely return to the Atlanta Braves' pitching staff ... The Seattle Mariners, also inept, are desperate and plucked a Blue Jays farmhand, 27-year-old Tracy Thorpe, off the

waiver wire. Thorpe was 2-0 with four saves in 13 appearances for Triple A Syracuse ... And then there's ex-sluggo Jose Canseco, whose latest steroids-in-baseball book isn't exactly a best-seller

and who lost his home after missing mortgage payments. Sadly, he's about to become a so-called celebrity boxer — \$5,000 per appearance.

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hockey

Olympiques done at Memorial Cup

PLAYOFF The Gatineau Olympiques are headed home early from the Memorial Cup.

The Quebec Major Junior Hockey League champs lost 3-1 to the Spokane Chiefs last night in Litchener, Ont., to fall to 0-3, eliminating them from playoff contention.

The Western Hockey League champion Chiefs (3-0) have clinched top spot and a berth in Sunday's final, while the host Rangers and the Ontario Hockey League runners up, Belleville Bulls will meet in Friday's semifinal.

MLB

Piazza puts end to stellar career

RETIREMENT Mike Piazza, a 62nd-round draft choice who became one of baseball's best hitting catchers, formally announced his retirement yesterday.

Piazza, 39, holds the major league record for home runs by a catcher with 396 of the 427 round-trippers he slugged during a 16-year career.

NFL

Owners opt to end labour deal

BARGAINING NFL owners voted unanimously yesterday to terminate their labour contract with the players union early.

But the NFL said that despite its decision, games will be played without the threat of interruption for at least the next three seasons.

NFL

Cowboys secure Barber, Newman

DEALS The Dallas Cowboys locked up key components of their offence and defence yesterday, with cornerback Terence Newman agreeing to a six-year contract extension and running back Marion Barber inking a seven-year deal.

Lucky Bulls charge up to win NBA draft lottery

The Chicago Bulls won the lottery held last night and will get the first pick in next month's NBA Draft.

The Bulls, who had only a 1.7 per cent chance of winning the right to pick first after posting a 33-49 regular season record, will select ahead of the Miami Heat.

The Heat, who at 15-67 owned the NBA's worst record, had a 25 per cent chance among the 14 eligible

teams to get first pick but were drawn to go second.

Minnesota will choose third and Seattle fourth, followed by Memphis, New York, the Los Angeles Clippers and Milwaukee.

This year's draft features forward Michael Beasley of Kansas State and University of Memphis point guard Derrick Rose as the likely top two selections.

REUTERS



Detroit Pistons guard Richard Hamilton has his headband pulled down over his eyes as he drives to the hoop on Celtics' James Posey, left, and P.J. Brown last night during Game 1 of the NBA Eastern Conference final in Boston.

Celtics stay hot at home

Garnett sets pace in Game 1 victory

CELTICS 88 PISTONS 79

Kevin Garnett scored 26 points and Paul Pierce added 22 as the Celtics beat the Detroit Pistons 88-79 last night in the opener of the Eastern Conference finals in Boston.

Having been pushed to seven games in each of the first two rounds, against Atlanta and Cleveland, respec-

tively, the Celtics remained unbeaten on their home floor in the post-season after nine contests.

Rajon Rondo had 11 points for Boston, which is trying to advance to the NBA Finals for the first time since 1987.

Garnett had eight of his points during a big run in the third quarter, and finished with nine rebounds while shooting 11-of-17 from the field.

Tayshaun Prince scored 16 points and Richard Hamilton

had 15 for the Pistons, who are into the East finals for a sixth straight year. Antonio McDyess tallied 14 points and 11 rebounds for Detroit, while Rasheed Wallace scored 11.

Chauncey Billups, who missed the final two games of Detroit's second-round playoff series with Orlando due to a strained right hamstring, was limited to nine points.

Game 2 of the best-of-seven series is scheduled for tomorrow, again in Boston.

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NBA

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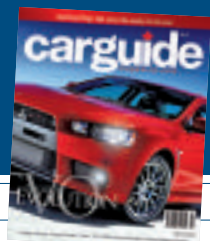
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Saturn's perky performer

Belgian-made Astra a neat little road-runner

By MICHAEL BANOVSKY
for Metro Edmonton

Much is made about the original philosophy behind GM's Saturn division, which was to lure import buyers from their Corollas and Civics and get them into Saturn's SLs and SCs.

Combined with plastic body panels and no-haggle pricing, General Motors thought they'd created a winner. But the fact always remained that Saturn's products lacked both an American identity and Japanese reliability. It was like going for sushi at McDonald's. Still, the brand ended up outliving Oldsmobile and ditching its oft-touted plastic body panels.

Now, instead of fighting the imports with American innovation, Saturn is battling back with a few imports of its own. The Belgian-made Astra never suffers from a lack of ride comfort or handling over its peers, and the only complaint you'll ever hear handling-wise is from stoplight



Instead of fighting the imports with American innovation, Saturn is battling back with the Belgian-made Astra.

racers with body piercings and noise violations. But come on. This is an economy car ... and a damn fine-handling one at that.

Between corners, there's sufficient power to crush eggs after grocery shopping. Now, if you decide to read other reviews on the car, the tester will probably say power from the 1.8-litre Ecotec four-cylinder engine is merely adequate. Not so.

It's just as much as you'll ever need, with a good torque spread and well-spaced gear ratios to chuff you along.

Top-notch build quality and high-grade plastics combine with clean-cut European style to make the interior one of the best in its class. You'll even notice that an impressive trip computer sits smack in the middle of the car's dash. In lesser models, the information and screen is toned down a notch, but in XR trim with the top-grade stereo, it gets as advanced as a graphic equalizer. The final interest-

2008 Saturn Astra 5-door XE	
• Type: Compact 5-pass. hatchback FWD	• Engine: 1.8L L4 DOHC
• Price: \$17,900	• HP: 138 @ 6,300 rpm
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Highlights:	
• Style	• European build quality
• Hidden practicality	• Standard safety features

ing feature — and class exclusive — is an optional dual-panel sunroof that lightens the interior, sports a large opening and features a sunshade.

Saturn is billing the three-

door Astra as the upscale model, with the five-door as the entry-level product at just \$17,900 for an XE without air conditioning. The only three-door trim level is XR, for \$21,225. Fully loaded, the

three-door even comes with 18-inch wheels.

Those shopping for a small car should immediately take a look at the Astra. I've said before that it should make a big impact in Canada. It will. But moreover, strong sales may convince other manufacturers with impressive European and Japanese products to enter the Canadian market with previously unseen technologies.

As it stands now, the Astra is a great car and hangs with the class leaders as the final chapter in Saturn's product renaissance.

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Under-inflated tires increase driving risks, waste fuel and cause tires to wear out faster but few vehicle owners pay adequate attention to their tires.

A national survey by the Rubber Manufacturers Association showed 85 per cent of American drivers do not properly check tire inflation pressure and there's no reason to think Canadian drivers are any better.

"Record high gas prices should be an incentive for



A survey found that few vehicle owners pay adequate attention to their tires.

motorists to take every step possible to help make their

cars and their money go further," said Dan Zielinski, RMA senior vice-president, public affairs. "While our survey found that 61 per cent of motorists agreed that checking tire pressure is very important to maximizing fuel economy, only one in seven drivers properly perform this easy task."

Checking tires is not only a fuel saving tip. It can also be life saving. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

recommendation

» The RMA recommends that tire pressure be checked at least once every month with a tire gauge.

(NHTSA), under-inflated tires contribute to 660 fatalities and 33,000 injuries each year in the United States alone.

Under-inflated tires also cause premature tire wear that can force consumers to replace tires sooner.



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Insider's Amsterdam

By INGE TE SCHURE
Metro World News

There's more to Amsterdam than canals, coffee shops, bicycles and the red light district. As well as its museums and the 17th-century houses along the canals, Amsterdam has a lot of surprising sites, undiscovered by the mainstream tourist.

Pay a visit to the smallest house in the world (located at Singel 7), the tiniest museum — the Miniature Museum for Modern Art (Singel 548), the "Magere brug" (skinny bridge, Amstel) or a Buddhist temple (Zeedijk 106-118) in the heart of the city.

where to stay

BUDGET: STAYOKAY AMSTERDAM ZEEBURG

A brand new hostel located east of the centre in a typical Amsterdam neighbourhood designed by Dutch architect Edward van Vliet. The hostel shares this 1900s former school with a café/restaurant, theatre and cinema. www.stayokay.com

MID-RANGE: NH CITY CENTRE HOTEL

A hotel at the heart of Amsterdam overlooking the famous Singel Canal, close to the flower market and the home of Anne Frank. Offers a shuttle bus to and from the airport 20 kilometres away. www.nh-hotels.com

DELUXE: GRAND HOTEL AMRATH AMSTERDAM

A new luxury hotel set in the newly restored Shipping House, a monumental building built between 1912 and 1916 in the Amsterdam School style that retains many of its original features. In the centre of town, 500 metres from the central station. amrathamsterdam.com

what to see

ANNE FRANKHUIS

The house where Anne Frank wrote her famous



MARKEN BRANTE

At Amsterdam's markets, you'll likely find evidence of the country's liberal marijuana laws.

take it from a local



Amsterdam resident Brian S is one of the Netherlands' hottest DJs, playing funky house and groovy garage at his residences at clubs all over the country and gigs that take him as far as Russia and the U.S. "The best thing about Amsterdam is everything is close by, so you can go bar-hopping, from one bar to an-

other. I like to go to cafés on the squares Leidseplein, Rembrandtplein, and then go clubbing at Cineac or Sinners. There's real diversity in Amsterdam.

"Of course, all tourists should come to Cineac, where I perform every Thursday at a party called Rush 3000. If you're lucky, your visit will time with a big party with an international DJ. I love to do that myself, but usually I lack the time because I have to perform. My final tip: After a night of dancing, try a typical Dutch "kroket" (croquet), because the fast food store FEBO is open all night long!"

diary as she and her Jewish family hid during the Second World War is now a well-known museum telling their story of their experience. Anne Frank's diary is among the original objects on display. annefrank.org

VAN GOGH MUSEUM

The museum contains the largest collection of paintings by Vincent van Gogh in the world, giving the visitor the chance to track the artist's developments, or compare his paintings to works by other artists from the 19th century in the collection. www.vangoghmuseum.nl

RED LIGHT DISTRICT

Dating back to the 14th century when sailors arrived

in need of some female company, the district just south of the central station is full of sex shops, brothels, gay bars, cinemas, hotels and different kinds of museums.

While this part of the city is a major tourist attraction, the mayor has been trying to clean it up of late. <http://amsterdam-red-light-district.info/>

where to eat

HAESKE CLAES

A traditional restaurant that occupies six epic buildings in the historical centre of Amsterdam, complete with original architectural features. They serve traditional Dutch dishes including stamppot: Mashed potatoes

with a vegetable, served with sausage and bacon. <http://www.haesjeclaes.nl/>

PANAMA

Trendy Mediterranean restaurant and club in the old port centre, the area is sometimes called the Manhattan of Amsterdam.

Eat there, then enjoy live jazz on Thursday and Sunday and sets from big name house DJs on the weekend. Book ahead www.panama.nl

where to club

HOTEL ARENA

A cultural meeting point, Hotel Arena is actually a hotel, restaurant, bar and club in one. Built as an orphanage in 1890 this building became a youth hostel in 1982 and was given its other functions in 1990. Housed in the building's former chapel, the club offers two floors of music, a mix of international DJs, '80s theme nights, salsa lounge and club classic. www.hotelarena.nl

CINEAC

New club owned by famous Dutch DJ Tiësto located in a monumental building that used to be a cinema. A young trendy crowd dines at the restaurant, and it's a club every Thursday, Friday and Saturday with the latest house and electronic music. www.cineac.nl

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If your love of travel is rivalled only by your passion for rocking out, plan a visit to one of the many open-air music festivals taking place around the globe this summer:

SEEME

» SeeMe (South-East European Music Event), to be held June 5-7 in Bulgaria's capital city Sofia, brings together big names in the electronic and dance music scene. Like the Miami Winter Music Conference, this festival has industry events, an exhibition and three nights of parties in some of Sofia's top clubs; www.seeme-sofia.com.

BONNAROO

» Named best festival by Rolling Stone Magazine, Bonnaroo is a four-day, multi-stage camping festival hosted on a 700-acre farm in Manchester, Tenn. The party gets under way June 12, rain or shine, with dozens of acts such as Pearl Jam, Jack Johnson, Kanye West, Death Cab for Cutie, Tiesto, BB King and Broken Social Scene; www.bonnaroo.com.

SCHLAGERMOVE

» Schlagermove festival in Hamburg, Germany, set for July 4-5, attracts some 300,000 participants every year. Young and old alike dress in crazy costumes, sing quirky German songs and drink copious amounts of booze. A day-

time parade features floats decorated in hippie kitsch and everyone parties like it's 1979. Follow the crowd to a series of tents where patrons rock out to retro Schlager classics; www.schlagermove.de.

FUJI ROCK FESTIVAL

» Set in the mountains of northern Japan, Fuji Rock Festival, held July 25-27, hosts both up-and-coming local bands and high-profile headliners like Underworld and Paul Van Dyk; www.smash-uk.com/frfo8.

GLASTONBURY FESTIVAL

» The UK's Glastonbury Festival claims to be the "largest greenfield music and performing arts festival in the world." From June 27-29, there'll be performances by Leonard Cohen, Jay-Z, Manu Chao, The Verve, John Mayer, Ben Folds, Massive Attack, Groove Armada, Mark Ronson and many more; www.glastonburyfestivals.co.uk.

TUSKA OPEN AIR METAL FESTIVAL

» If metal — heavy, death or both — is your thing, you'll love the Tuska Open Air Metal Festival. Taking place in Helsinki, Finland, from June 27-29, the event will feature 32 bands on three stages; www.tuska-festival.fi/index_eng.html.

DISTANT HEAT

» Distant Heat is an all-night rave in Jordan's Wadi Rum desert. Held July 31 to Aug. 1. It features the best of international electronic and dance music in one of the world's most magical and remote locations; www.distantheat.com.

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Christian Bale is to play rebel leader John Connor in three sequels to the Terminator franchise, its producers have revealed.

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casting

Holmes to debut on Broadway

THEATRE Katie Holmes will make her Broadway debut this autumn in a revival of Arthur Miller's *All My Sons*, starring alongside Oscar winner Dianne Wiest and Tony winner John Lithgow, producers said this week.

The theater and date have not yet been announced. The play is based on a true story about a businessman who knowingly sold the government defective airplane parts during World War II with tragic consequences.

weddings

Star Trek actor to wed his partner

PEOPLE Actor George Takei, best known for playing Mr. Sulu on *Star Trek*, says he plans to wed his longtime partner now that the California Supreme Court has overturned a state ban on gay marriage. Takei, 71, said he and Brad Altman, his 54-year-old business manager, are going through the "delicious process" of planning their nuptials.

foreign box office

Iron Man holds strong overseas

FILM Iron Man led the foreign box office for a third consecutive weekend, but Indiana Jones And The Kingdom Of The Crystal Skull is poised to take the crown when the adventure sequel starts rolling out across the globe in the next few days. According to final data, Iron Man forged US \$26.9 million, lifting its off-shore gross to \$207 million. The superhero saga remained the top choice in both the U.K. and France, with respective three-week totals of \$25.5 million and \$15.3 million. Other leading markets include South Korea with \$22.9 million, Mexico with \$18.2 million, and Australia with \$14 million.

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It's all up to Idol viewers

Popularity of singer counts, not technicality

If this competition was actually based on the technicality of the performances of the contestants, David Archuleta would be crowned this year's champion.

But American Idol is a popularity contest. This year's winner will depend on who wowed the viewers more — Archuleta or David Cook.

With three songs each to sing last night, Round 1's songs were chosen by Clive Davis.

Cook sang U2's *I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For*, and though he seemed very nervous at the start, once he started



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singing all that tension evaporated and he did shine like a star.

Archuleta sang *Don't Let The Sun Go Down On Me* by Elton John, and stood his ground with another flawless number.

Round 2 had them sing one of two possibilities for the winner's song. Cook's rendition of *Dream Big* sounded like Harem Scarem or something like

that from the '80s or '90s. As good as it was, it wasn't very memorable.

Archuleta sang *In This Moment* — again, another ballad to get all the pre-pubescent girl's hearts fluttering. There was nothing new, but it was a very strong performance.

The final round was competitor's choice. Singing *The World I Know* by Collective Soul was Cook, but he mumbled most of the song and lost his edge.

Archuleta re-sung *Imagine* by John Lennon. It's something we've seen before, but it was amazing.

It may have been the battle of the Davids but in the end it was Goliath — Ruben Studdard — who ended the show with *Celebrate Me Home*.



American Idol's David Archuleta, left, and David Cook

Idol creator looks to more shows

Could it be? The man behind the show seen in millions of TV homes each week is, himself, camera shy? American Idol creator Simon Fuller admits it's true. But from his position offstage, Fuller can revel in the success of Idol as it reaches the May 21 climax of its seventh season.

Idol continues to drive the Fox network to the top of the ratings. The show, for example, drew 27.8 million viewers the night of the Super Tuesday presidential primaries in February, according to Nielsen. The 2007 finale was seen by more than 33 million viewers, according to Nielsen Media Research, and a total of 74 million votes were cast.

And with its winning formula of unknown talent, love-'em-or-hate-'em judges and viewers as voting A&R reps, the show continues to shatter traditional music industry dogma on discovering new artists. Fuller, while delighted with the success, is not one given to nostalgia.

"American Idol was purely invented to give me new leverage in the music indus-

try, without my having to go cap in hand to the record companies," he says.

The partnership between Fuller's 19 Recordings and Sony BMG has yielded a string of platinum-plus albums by Idol winners and finalists.

Fuller hopes to perpetuate his kind of music TV yet again with a new series that 19 Entertainment will develop for NBC. Now, Fuller is ready to expand his TV horizons, seeking new audiences across the gamut of broadcast and cable networks.

A show about Ruud Gullit's first year as coach of the Los Angeles Galaxy soccer team has been shot and sold to 32 international markets and is expected to air on Fox Sport or ESPN later this year. A pilot for the Fuller-created real-time medical drama *Austin Golden Hour*, which marries the drama of *ER* with the tick-tock of 24, was under consideration at the CW at press time. And a U.S. adaptation of the irreverent British series *Little Britain* is in production for HBO.

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Tattoo rock

Devotion written in ink for Coheed and Cambria fans

By AMANDA B. HAUPT
for Metro Edmonton

Coheed and Cambria's website has a section called fan uploads with the subheading tattoos; posted are numerous photos of fans expressing

their devotion to the progressive rock band in ink.

"I think it's really awesome," bassist Michael Todd tells Metro. "We are the definition of a cult band and that kind of proves it, and I love it."

Hailing from New York, the band's lineup also includes vocalist and guitarist Claudio Sanchez, guitarist Travis Stever and drummer Chris Pennie.

Known for their concept albums, Coheed's current release, *Good Apollo, I'm Burning Star IV, Volume Two: No World For Tomorrow*, is the band's fourth disc and part of a continuing storyline based on Sanchez's comic book project called the Amory Wars.

Todd summarizes the plot, explaining, "there are two characters, kind of antiheroes

see it live ...

» Coheed and Cambria plays the Edmonton Event Centre on Friday.

Coheed and Cambria, and their children, and basically what happens after their (Coheed and Cambria's) deaths and their one son's vendetta, ends the entire universe."

That's the extremely short version. When asked if the band worries about alienating potential new fans by overwhelming them with the complex story, the bassist does admit it comes with a certain level of baggage.

"We make a point that you don't really need the story to get into the music. I mean we're a rock band first and foremost. The story's there if people choose to explore that



Coheed And Cambria are touring in support of latest album, *Good Apollo, I'm Burning Star IV, Volume Two: No World for Tomorrow*.

avenue, but it's definitely not necessary."

Todd says the band has at least one more disc planned to tie in to the comics.

"We have one more definitely and that will wrap up everything in this particular part of the story. And then we might move on to another part of the universe or we might make regular records."

With a list of influences that includes Queen, Pink Floyd, and Led Zeppelin, it's no wonder Coheed and Cambria's music is generally la-

belled as prog rock.

But lately the group has also been labelled with the emo tag, which is something Todd doesn't necessarily agree with,

"I think it's an all encompassing band we have here, in the broad sense it's just rock music. Progressive's I think the most accurate category," he says. "Emo I think is more of a time and place thing ... but I think we can fit in anywhere to a certain extent. Generally we're a rock band first and foremost."

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John Cusack, right, is in negotiations to play a heroic survivor in Roland Emmerich's apocalyptic 2012. Cusack would play a dad who tries to save his family in the wake of a global cataclysm. Chiwetel Ejiofor is in talks to co-star.

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casting

Liotta to play bad cop in comedy

FINDING FUNNY SIDE

Ray Liotta will get on Michael Cera's case in *Youth in Revolt*, a comedy based on the popular novels about a smart, sexually obsessed teen living in a world of moronic adults. Cera



(Juno) plays the teen, Nick Twisp. Liotta will play a cop who is having an affair with Twisp's mom (Jean Smart). When that relationship goes sour, the cop gets his twisted revenge on the mom by going after Nick, who stands accused of arson.

Miguel Arteta (*The Good Girl*) will direct the Dimension Films project from an adaptation of the novels by C.D. Payne.

in development

NBC crowns Kings pickup

PILOT IMPRESSES

NBC has picked up a series described as a contemporary take on the David vs. Goliath tale. *Kings*, which stars Australian actor Christopher Egan and *Deadwood* villain Ian McShane, is set in a besieged metropolis.

It originally was ordered as a two-hour pilot, but NBC decided to proceed with a full series order after executives were impressed by footage from the pilot, which is currently in production.

remake

Smith gets U.S. version of *Sticks*

BIG WILLIE STYLE France's biggest movie is getting the American treatment courtesy of Will Smith.

Warner Bros. has optioned the remake rights to *Welcome to the Sticks* (Bienvenue chez les Ch'tis) with Smith's Overbrook Entertainment attached to produce the soft-hearted comedy. The original has grossed more than \$180 million in France since February.

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Picking apart the wreckage

IF AT FIRST YOU DON'T SUCCEED:

The primetime post-mortem is in full swing, with more than the usual amount of schadenfreude (that's German for feeling good when other people fail) from TV critics everywhere.

Tim Goodman of the San Francisco Chronicle looked back at the dying season and its casualties and came up with a bit of 20/20 hindsight on how the networks could have saved their more notable failures.

The biggest problem, in Goodman's opinion, was an identity crisis that overcame the networks this year, who seemed to have forgotten just what they were good at, and tried to compete with each other on unfamiliar turf. To wit, Fox's *Back To You* might have fared better

on CBS—conventional wisdom at this point—and the CW's *Aliens In America* would have fit better on Fox.

ABC's *Miss Guided* might have stood a chance on either NBC or Fox, but *Viva Laughlin*, which bombed on CBS, probably wouldn't have survived anywhere, since there's no precedent for a musical succeeding on primetime at all—did no one learn from *Cop Rock*?

One of the season's failures that seems to have already been forgotten is *Quarterlife*, the sitcom that NBC took from the web to primetime and ditched when it failed to thrive. There was a flurry of defiantly positive press leading up to the show's primetime premiere, anticipating web-developed shows as the way



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of the future, creatively and financially, but since *Quarterlife* proved to have the half-life of a tuna melt on a dock, we haven't heard much in the same vein since. Which is why ABC's decision to pick up *In The Motherhood* for a mid-season debut is so surprising. I hadn't heard of it until *Silicon Valley Insider* ran a piece on the show's good fortune, but the sitcom has been pulling re-

spectable numbers for its seven-minute online episodes—16 million streaming downloads of the second season so far, compared to *Quarterlife*'s measly few million.

Goodman, in his post-mortem piece, says that ABC's *Cavemen* was probably doomed from the start, since “making a sitcom out of an insurance commercial just rubbed everyone the wrong way,” so it remains to be seen how *Motherhood*, which was co-developed by *Suave* toilettries and *Sprint*, will win over audiences. The show, an acidly observational take on modern parenting starring Jenny McCarthy and Leah Remini, is definitely better-written than *Quarterlife*, if only for the offhanded observation that fanny packs

emasculate men quicker than a mishap with a weed whacker. The *Insider* piece was optimistic about the show's chances, pointing out that it has two name stars, will air on a network known for women's programming, and “is targeted at a demographic that still watches plenty of television: 30-something moms.” It also costs a mere US \$40,000 a minute to produce, “cheap by TV standards but astronomical for a Web series.”

By this point, however, shows should probably be migrating from TV to web, not the other way around, but getting the networks to see this is like getting water to run uphill.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera. He walked 47 miles of barbed wire and has a cobra snake for a necktie.

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critics' corner

Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade

“Dad!” “What?” “Dad!” “What?” In the installment where viewers learned Indiana was the family dog's name, Indy and his father (Harrison Ford, Sean Connery) search for the Holy Grail, carry on with attractive women and save the world from the armies of darkness. River Phoenix plays the young Indy in the action-crammed prologue, and Allison Doody co-stars in the 1989 blockbuster. 8 PM on CITV



Lost Missed anything? Here's a doubleheader of episodes that aired earlier this month to get you ready for next week's season finale. In “Something Nice Back Home,” Kate and Juliet (Evangeline Lilly, Elizabeth Mitchell) must set aside their differences to help an ailing Jack (Matthew Fox). In “Cabin Fever,” Locke (Terry O'Quinn) learns the location of Jacob's cabin. Josh Holloway, Emilie de Ravin and Ken Leung also star. 9 PM on KXLY

celebritybuzz

What caused Shania breakup?

What caused the sudden breakup of Shania Twain and her husband, music producer Robert "Mutt" Lange, after 14 years of marriage? His relationship with another woman, say several sources.

After the separation was announced in a statement, Lange called the split "an unfortunate thing," People.com reports. He added, "It's literally just a growing apart, that's all."

But sources close to the situation

say a third party was involved: Marie-Anne Thiébaud, a longtime secretary and manager of the couple's chateau in Switzerland. "Mutt and Marie-Anne left their spouses for each other and are still in a relationship," says one source.

Lange denies the claims. "It's absolutely not the reason (for the separation)," the famously reclusive producer told People magazine when asked about the alleged affair.

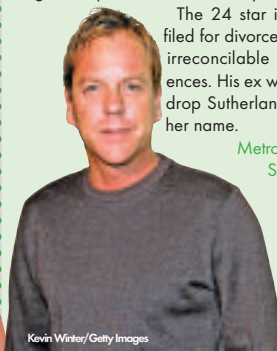
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Kiefer is officially single

Kiefer Sutherland is officially single — he has finalized his divorce four years after filing for a legal separation from his wife, Elizabeth, imdb.com reports. The couple split in 1999. The divorce was made official in Los Angeles Superior Court on Friday.

The 24 star initially filed for divorce, citing irreconcilable differences. His ex will now drop Sutherland from her name.

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Taking time off is risky: Paltrow

Gwyneth Paltrow says that taking time off to be mother to daughter Apple, now 4, and son Moses, 2, made her feel forgotten by Hollywood, People.com reports.

In Cannes to promote *Two Lovers*, in which she co-stars with Joaquin Phoenix, the Shakespeare in Love Oscar winner, 35, expanded upon a comment made by Jodie Foster, who noted that Hollywood has a short memory.

"I really did not know if there would be a place for me," said Paltrow. "Jodie Foster was right, especially if you are a woman and especially if you are not 25. Hollywood is pretty cutthroat, and everybody has a short memory. There is always someone who is younger or hotter or prettier."

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Lohan facing lawsuit

The fur fuss swirling around Lindsay Lohan has gone legal — the actress has been slapped with a lawsuit for taking a coat without permission, imdb.com reports. Masha Markova claims the star took her \$12,000 US mink coat as she left a New York club at the end of a night out in January. The New York student has filed papers in Manhattan's state Supreme Court.

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Victoria set for TV

Victoria Beckham is set to return to *Ugly Betty*, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The former Spice Girl will be making regular appearances on the hit U.S. TV show, about *Mode* fashion magazine, after impressing bosses with her cameo last year.

A series insider said: "The producers are delighted she will return. She is going to feature quite a bit."

When she appeared as herself in an episode last year, Victoria was locked in a cupboard by publishing executive Wilhelmina Slater.

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Diaz describes 'ideal guy' to In Style

Cameron Diaz, who has dated both Justin Timberlake and John Mayer, opens up to the June issue of *In Style* about the kind of guy she's looking to spend quality time with, MSN Entertainment reports.

"I'm not going to bring some idiot into my world, and if I'm not sure about him, I'm cautious," she tells the mag. "My list is all about balance. You can have smart but not funny. You can have funny but not very smart. You can have intellectual but not social. But ... I want it all! I love big brains. I love to eat. I love to be outdoors. I love to have conversations! I love to make love. I live like arrrrgh!" OK, Cam, take a deep, calming breath.

"I don't do anything half-assed," she continues, "and I want somebody who can keep up with all that. And I want someone who can show me something, you know?"

As long as he's not overly man-scaped. "I love chest hair," reveals Diaz. "Mm-hmm. I'm not saying I want a huge amount, but the right amount is very sexy. I don't like the smooth, hairless body."

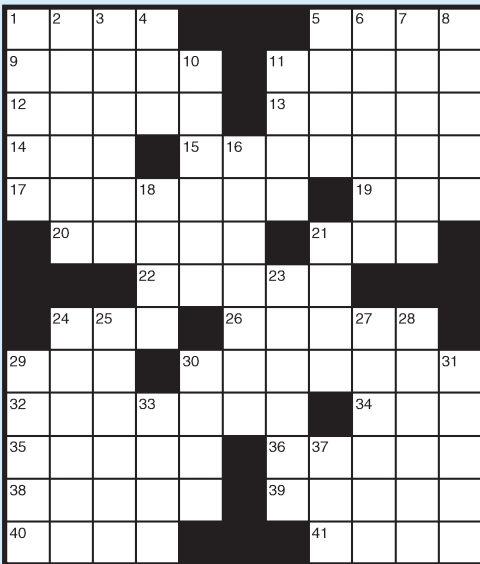
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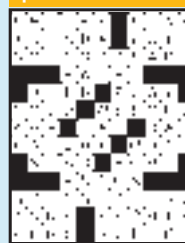
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| 5 Sow's mate | 27 Rains in the movies |
| 6 "20 Questions" category | 28 Bank worker |
| 7 Like some stars | 29 Fred's dancing sister |
| 8 Bloodhound's clue | 30 Terminate |
| 10 Letter-related | 31 Make sport of |
| 11 Ship pole | 33 Astonish |
| 16 Dress material | 37 Energy |
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| 9 Sender's need | 19 Curator's topic | 34 Hearty quaff |
| 11 Seattle cager | 20 Coffee bar order | 35 Muse of love poems |
| 12 — Domingo | 21 Tissue layer | 36 Throat dangler |
| 13 "Common Sense" writer | 22 Michael Caine movie | 38 Advantage |
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 — Terry Stickels —

Here's some Roman numeral fun:

1) How do you write 49883 in Roman numerals?
 2) MDCCLXIX = ?
 3) 49883 = ?
 4) MCMXIII = ?

Yesterday's Answer
 1) LXXXXVIII
 2) 1660
 3) 49883 = 49883
 4) 13

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instructions»

The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

solve time»

Under 13 minutes
 13-17 minutes
 17-21
 21-25
 More than 25

Genius
 Scholar
 Smart
 Pretty good
 Keep practising

previous answer

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HOROSCOPE



ARIES | March 21-April 20

A reliable friend causes anxiety. Contact is made with those who care. All will be well in the end, if you do your share of work.



TAURUS | April 21-May 21

Fragments of the truth will disturb you. A field trip is fine way to spend time. A bad deal gets smoothed out the easy way.



GEMINI | May 22-June 21

Someone is caught being rude and self-centered. Refuse to take on disputes with others. Don't take anything personally.



CANCER | June 22-July 22

A tyrant insists on following protocol. Concentrate on going full-steam-ahead. Tell an amusing story to a decision maker.



LEO | July 23-Aug. 23

You have the ability to see the future. The best thing will happen, if you keep your eyes open. A raving showdown is exciting to watch.



VIRGO | Aug. 24-Sept. 22

Pushiness sets the tone for the day. A static situation is at an end. A head-trip can be avoided by going off alone.



LIBRA | Sep. 23-Oct. 23

A silent co-worker knows what happiness is. Someone's quiet rebellion is disturbing. Your expectations of others are too high.



SCORPIO | Oct. 24-Nov. 22

An accident leads to a passionate debate. Financial needs arise with urgency. Rage results from making a resolution.



SAGITTARIUS | Nov. 23-Dec. 21

A security concern is raised by a worker with money problems. A discovery leads to disbelief. Going away is an excellent option.



CAPRICORN | Dec. 22-Jan. 20

An achiever must have a good time. You'll understand the meaning of loyalty. Let your heart and mind work together.



AQUARIUS | Jan. 21-Feb. 18

Good news will come your way. A woman comments on someone's dreams. Share your feelings with a trustworthy person.



PISCES | Feb. 19-Mar. 20

A suggestion for therapy will wreak havoc. Learn from those who live with integrity. Make inquiries before responding.

—AVATAR VENUS

This Day IN HISTORY

May 21, 1851: Abolition of slavery in Colombia, South America.

May 21, 1945: United States screen legend Humphrey Bogart marries actress Lauren Bacall.

May 21, 1881: The American Red Cross is established by Clara Barton.

May 21, 1972: Michelangelo's Pietà, in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, is damaged by a vandal.

May 21, 1917: Great Atlanta fire of 1917.

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Edmonton weather

Afternoon



60%
Showers.
11°

Tonight



Cloudy.
Low 6°

Thursday



40%
Showers.
14° / 8°

Friday



60%
Showers.
16° / 9°

Saturday



Cloudy.
18° / 11°

Temperature

Normals
High: 18.7°
Low: 5.6°

Records

High: 31.7°/1928
Low: -3.9°/1918

Sunrise: 5:23 a.m.
Sunset: 9:39 p.m.
Moon does not rise
Moonset: 5:35 a.m.

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